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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 4102

FOR ARA/EP AND PAF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, EC, UK

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ECUADOREAN PURCHASE OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

REF: USDAO LONDON DTG 011719Z AUG 1973; IR NO 6 836 0504 73

1. REF DAO REPORT FROM LONDON SUMMARIZED DAILY TELEGRAPH STORY DATED AUG 1 TO THE EFFECT THAT ECUADOR HAD PURCHASED 12 JAGUAR AIRCRAFT, WITH INTENT TO PURCHASE AS MANY AS TWO HUNDRED. CITED PRICE AS ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION POUNDS WITH PAYMENT ON BARTER BASIS.

2. THIS STORY NOT YET REPEATED BY COMMERCIAL WIRE SERVICES IN ECUADOR WHERE ISSUE OF ARMS SALES IS OF GENERAL CONCERN.

3. WE THINK IT WOULD BE GENERALLY BENEFICIAL IF GOE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, IF USG WERE KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN SPREADING THE INFORMATION WHICH GOE WOULD CONSIDER EMBARRASSING THIS WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR US ALSO. CONSEQUENTLY WE DO NOT WISH TO APPROACH AP AND UPI REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO STIMULATE A FILE ON THE BRITISH STORY.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDED IT CAN BE DONE WITH HIGH
DEGREE OF ASSURANCE THAT USG INITIATIVE WILL NOT REACH
GOE, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF
DAILY TELEGRAPH AIRCRAFT PURCHASE STORY HAS BEEN
REPEATED ON AP, UPI LA WIRES AND, IF NOT, STIMULATE
A REPEAT.
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